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Liam Knox MuckRock News Dept MR 70310 411 A Highland Avenue Somerville MA 02144-2516

Subject: Public Records Act Request Dated April 11, 2019

Re: Oakland Unified School District Strike

Dear Mr. Knox

On March 7, 2019, the California Department of Education (CDE) received an email from you pursuant to the California Public Records Act (PRA) requesting the following records:

A copy of all files, memos, and communications related to the Oakland teachers strikes that took place from February 24-March 3. Specifically, I'd like any emails sent to or from the following elected officials that are responsive to my request:

All sitting members of the Oakland Unified School Board Superintendent Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell Senior Executive Assistant Robin Sasada Deputy Communications Chief Valerie Goode Communications Director John Sasaki Chief Financial Officer Gloria Gamblin General Counsel Marion McWilliams

The CDE responded to this request by asking you to greatly narrow the scope of the request, pointing out that it would be nearly impossible for CDE to check with all of its employees to determine whether or not they had responsive records to this request. On April 11, 2019, you followed up with an email stating that you had mixed up this request with your request to Oakland Unified School District. You submitted clarification of your prior request by stating:

"I would like to alter my request to cover just those emails responsive to the keyword searches I suggested sent to or from employees of the following divisions of the CDE: Liam Knox [Date] [Page #]

Communications
The Executive Office
Fiscal and Administrative Services
Personnel Services
Improvement and Accountability

Since the request will require coordination between all of these separate divisions within the CDE, the CDE is invoking its statutory right under Government Code section 6253(c) (3) to extend the time to respond to the request by an additional 14 calendar days. Accordingly, the CDE will respond in writing to this request on or before May 6 and will inform you whether it has responsive records and, if so, whether some, or all, of those records will be disclosed to pursuant to the PRA.

Regards,

Cynthia Butler

Cynthia Butler, Public Information Officer California Department of Education